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SUBJ: EXPORT LICENSE FOR EAST GERMANY FOR PDP 11/70 3-PROCESSOR  
SYSTEM MANUFACTURED BY DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORP., MAYNARD, MASS.

1. DIGITRON AG OF BRUEGG BEI BEIL SWITZERLAND HAS ASKED EMBASSY  
URGENTLY VERIFY STATUS THEIR EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION FOR  
PDP 11/70 3-PROCESSOR SYSTEM, MANUFACTURED BY DIGITAL EQUIP-  
MENT CORP (DEC) OF MAYNARD, MASS. DIGITRON  
SELLING 11/70 SYSTEM TO FLEISCHKOMBINAT EBERSWALDE, EBERSWALDE,  
EAST GERMANY, FOR USE IN COMBINED SLAUGHTER HOUSE AND MEAT-  
AND-SAUSAGE FACTORY. TOTAL VALUE OF TRANSACTION IS SWISS  
FRANCS 2 MILLION (\$813,000).

2. DIGITRON THROUGH DEC ORIGINALLY APPLIED FOR US EXPORT  
LICENSE IN DEC 1975 ON THIS TRANSACTION. FIRST REPORT  
AND MULTIPLE TRANSACTION STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY DIGITRON  
TO DEPT OF COMMERCE RECEIVED NO RESPONSE.  
IN MAR 1976 DIGITRON'S MANAGER VISITED DEC IN MAYNARD,  
MASS. AND WAS TOLD INITIAL APPLICATION NOT COMPLETE.  
DIGITRON RESUBMITTED COMPLETED AND FULL STATEMENT  
MAY 7, 1976. THIS APPLICATION APPARENTLY ACCEPTED  
BY DEPT OF COMMERCE.

3. ACCORDING TO DEC REPS, COMMERCE HAS NOT YET ACCEPTED  
PDP 11/70 FOR EXPORT TO EAST GERMANY, WILL REQUIRE  
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FUTTHUR TIME AND INFORMATION STUDY TECHNOLOGY ALREADY

AVAILABLE THERE, AND IT WILL BE 4 TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE  
ACTION TAKEN ON LICENSE APPLICATION.

4. EQUIPMENT PURCHASED BY DIGITRON FROM DEC PRESENTLY  
PACKED AND AWAITING AIR SHIPMENT IN IRELAND FOR EAST  
GERMANY. DEADLINE FOR INSTALLATION THIS EQUIPMENT IN  
EAST GERMANY IS AUGUST 9, 1976.

5. SHOULD EXPORT LICENSE BE REFUSED, DIGITAL WILL OWE  
PENALTY OF SWISS FRANCS 1.5 MILLION (\$609,756) TO EAST  
GERMAN CONCERN. THIS WORST CASE. SHOULD LICENSE BE  
APPROVED, BUT WITH DELAY, DIGITRON WILL BE REQUIRED PAY  
PENALTY FEES TOTALLING SWISS FRANCS 75,000 (\$30,488) FOR  
EACH MONTH DELAY.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP INFO  
RE STATUS DIGITRON-DEC EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION.  
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